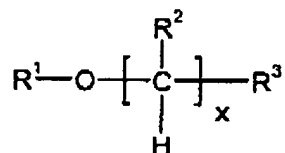


CLAIMS

1-16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity and ~~or~~ a nasal cavity, ~~which process~~ comprisinging the step of:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation comprising a rhinologically active substance with a formula:



wherein

x is 0 or 1,

R¹ denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R² denotes a methyl or ethyl group, and

R³ denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 5,6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenyl groups having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity ~~or said~~ and nasal cavity is created.

18. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 17, wherein

R¹ denotes a methyl or ethyl group and

R³ denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 6 or 7 carbon atoms that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and/or alkenyl groups having 3 carbon atoms.

19. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 17, wherein said rhinologically active substances are selected from the group consisting of l-menthyl methyl ether, d-menthyl methyl ether, dl-menthyl methyl ether, menthyl ethyl ether, menthyl propyl ether, menthyl isobutyl ether, isopulegyl methyl ether, 2-isopropylcyclohexyl methyl ether, 2-isopropylcyclohexyl ethyl ether, 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl methyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethyl-

cyclohexyl)ethyl ethyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethyl-cyclohexyl)ethyl propyl ether, and 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl methyl ether.

20. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~preparation~~ ~~rhinologically active substance~~ comprises 0.0001 to 10% by weight of said rhinologically active substance preparation.

21. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 17, wherein said clearing feeling comprises a cooling, refreshing feeling.

22. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 17, wherein said preparation is selected from the group consisting of: an oral care composition, chewing gum, a food product, a smokeless tobacco product, a pharmaceutical product and a nasal spray.

23. (currently amended) [[A]] The process according to Claim 22, wherein said oral care composition is selected from the group consisting of: toothpaste and mouthwash.

24. (currently amended) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity or a nasal cavity which comprises the step of administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation comprising a rhinologically active substance comprised of ~~acyclic~~ ethers that are selected from the group consisting of isopulegyl methyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl ethyl ether, 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl) ethyl propyl ether and 1-(3,3-dimethylcyclohexyl)ethyl methyl ether ~~ethyl~~, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity ~~or said~~ and nasal cavity is created.

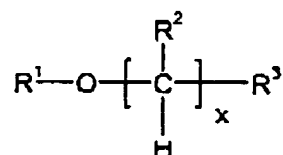
25. (new) The process according to Claim 17, wherein x is 1.

26. (new) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said rhinologically active substances are selected from the group consisting of l-menthyl methyl ether, d-menthyl methyl ether, dl-menthyl methyl ether, and menthyl ethyl ether.

27. (new) The process according to Claim 17, wherein said rhinologically active substances is l-menthyl methyl ether.

28. (new) A process for creating a clearing feeling in a pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity comprising the step of:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation to be ingested as a solid or a liquid comprising a rhinologically active substance with a formula:



wherein

x is 0 or 1,

R¹ denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R² denotes a methyl or ethyl group, and

R³ denotes a monocyclic saturated carbon system having 5,6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms that can be unsubstituted or substituted with further alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenyl groups having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, whereby said clearing feeling in said pharyngeal cavity and nasal cavity is created.